

IOWA EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION

**Minutes of July 2, 2003
The O'Connor Room
2nd Floor – Hoover Building
Des Moines, Iowa**

Members Present:

Elizabeth Christiansen*

Mahala Cox

Anne Jackson*

Jim Kinkle*

Susan Lagneaux*

Frank Magsamen

David Miller*

Brad Nocita

Dan Rogers

Chris Scase

John Whipple

Members Absent:

Julie Bell

Donald Flater

Julie Cooper

Thomas Sever*

Staff Present:

Kathy Lee – DNR

Paul Sadler – EMD

Brenda Boell – EMD

Tina Lowrey - EPA

Joe Chandler - FEMA

Guests Present:

Bob Goldhammer

Approval of Minutes:

January 2, 2002

Moved approval of the minutes by David Miller second by Elizabeth Christiansen.
Motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence, Speeches, Conference Reports

Chris Scase announced that Kathy Lee, Paul and herself attended planning conference in May. She also noted funding update, that there is minimal grant funding based on RMP.

Elizabeth Christiansen discussed management of low level radioactive waste. In 4 to 5 years there will be an issue in the Midwest because we currently have no plan for this.

Committee Updates: Membership/Reports

Chris Scase handed out most recent membership contact list.

Executive – Did not meet.

Information Education – Did not meet.

LEPC Support – Did not meet.

Fee Legislation Study Committee – Kathy Lee, said there has not been much progress. She will get a good analysis and get a good white paper to submit to legislature.

Region 7 LEPC Conference

Chris Scase reminded everyone that the Region 7 LEPC conference will be held on August 22-24. It is sponsored by FEMA and is a bi-annual event that targets LEPC members. Sunday morning of the event, there will be time set aside for local members to meet with state members.

Agency Reports

Section 301 – *Emergency Management Division*

LEPC Membership – Paul Sadler announced that there were no resignations and reported that there are at least 2 LEPC members in each district.

Section 303 – *Emergency Management Division*

Paul Sadler reported that there was little change in EPCRA plans in the Iowa. The amount increased by approximately three but is still progressing. He will email map to everyone as soon as it is updated.

Section 305 – *Emergency Management Division*

Chris Scase announced state's application for HMTA is submitted for grant funds. Two grants that equal \$120,000 - \$150,000 will be divided to local planning committees. The group also noted that should try to be set aside to help locals out with going to conference.

Section 302 & 312 – *Division of Labor*

Anne Jackson said that data entry continues. There is a due date of March 1st. Web entry went well on Iowa Workforce Development's web site.

Section 304 & 313 - *Department of Natural Resources*

EPA/FEMA Reports

Tina Lowery, representing EPA, announced that herself and another will be participating in an expo at the fairgrounds dealing with RNP. Also, Tom Gunther will be inspecting ethanol facilities and all need to submit RNP. There is a grant opportunity, the EJ Grant which is \$100,000 for community based organizations. Tina also said that there will be another workshop for TRI and passed a hand-out to group.

Joe Chandler, representing FEMA, gave a handout with a matrix of federal all-hazards grants. The firefighters grant out now is \$750 million in the 3rd round. They received 20,000 grant applications and Iowa accounted for 587 of those. The National Response Plans are out in draft form.

Paul Sadler announced that Emergency Response Guidebooks will be sent out early next year.

Chris Scase reminded group of upcoming meeting dates.